

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. All individuals who serve as a representative of the Office or seek to serve as a representative of the Office will be screened to determine if a conflict of interest occurs.
2. Conflict of interest occurs when an individual or a member of the individuals immediate family:
 - a. has direct involvement in licensing and/or certifying long-term care facilities
 - b. is a provider of a long-term care service
 - c. has ownership or investment in a long-term care facility
 - d. has ownership or investment in a long-term care service
 - e. is employed by and/or manages a long-term care facility
 - f. receives or has the right to receive, either directly or indirectly, remuneration with an owner or operator of a long-term care facility
3. Regional Program Coordinators will report any identified conflict of interest to the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.
4. The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman will review the conflict of interest to determine if a waiver can be given.
5. Waivers will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Requests for waivers will be returned in writing by the Office within 30 days of receipt.
6. All individuals who serve as a representative of the Office or seek to serve as a representative of the Office shall sign a conflict of interest statement.